



## **DX bulletin 609**

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## **DX news**

### **C5LT and C5R The Gambia –update**

Today, the C5R team met with Mr Bangali, a local school principal, where they handed over a total of €700 for children to buy books, pens and footballs. Picture by F5RAV (C5LT).



### **TX9A Austral Islands DXpedition –update**

Our team is still ready for new challenges. On 50 MHz there was good activity towards Central America and Brazil, we also worked stations from the USA. We worked over 80 EU stations on 80m, and the plan to be active in the morning at 80m before our sunrise. Rain is expected for the next few days, and it is possible that we will sometimes have too much QRN. Our log is up to date on Clublog, with almost 9000 duplicate QSOs so the log will be sorted after the trip is over. Also, OQRS will be activated after sorting the log.

### **DXpedition Timeline is 11 years old today!**

Yes, that's right, one of the most popular and clicked parts of the DX-World website is exactly 11 years old today. Using an old Facebook post, [here's how we announced it way back on May 1, 2014](#).

### **ZS8W Marion Island –update May 1**

Yuris informs DX-WORLD that for approximately 3 days maximum he will have to stop transmitting. This is mainly to do some antenna work on the island. After ~3 days he will resume activity. Picture courtesy YL2GM.



### **MM0UKI, Flannan Isles EU-118 – now QRT**

Team went QRT at 1200Z making ~3000 QSOs. After some heavy lifting and hauling, their skipper safely got them back to the mainland. Pic by G4PVM & G0VJG.





### **HD8G Galapagos Islands –now QRT**

On April 27, 2025 (Sunday), after the operation ended at 11:00 p.m. (UTC) on April 26, 2025 (Saturday), most of the participants began returning to their countries. This expedition demonstrated how the spirit of amateur radio can unite different races and cultures for a single goal. The friendship, planning and commitment of everyone resulted in a total of 51,775 QSOs, reaching our goal of 50,000 QSOs in 8 days. <https://www.dx-world.net/hd8g-galapagos-islands/>

### **V6D Federates States of Micronesia –update**

Everything is on track. We received the amateur radio callsign **V6D** from Mr. Paul James, Frequency Manager in the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure, Government of FSM. We also received the ARRL LoTW certificate for **V6D**.

Our [website](#) is now online. You can find more information about the crew and our plans there. Please make sure to check the webpage regularly for news updates.

Several flights from Germany via Tokyo and Guam are necessary to reach our destination in Micronesia – Weno Island (Chuuk). The hotel, located directly on the north coast, offers a good takeoff to Europe, North America, and Japan. <https://www.dx-world.net/v6d-dxpediton-2025/>

### **VP2VI British Virgin Islands –now QRT**

With almost 175K QSOs, team VP2VI went QRT as planned at 0500Z today. Congratulations on a job well done!



## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

**7P, LESOTHO** Mark KW4XJ and Arina KO4PZT are QRV as 7P8AB and 7P8NB until mid-2025. QSL via KW4XJ.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Luc F5RAV, Lui YU5R and Fabio IK8HJC are active from Kololi until May 2. QRV as C5LT and C5R on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 + SATS (mostly RS44). QSL via LoTW. [C5R - Senegambia 2025 | Facebook](#)

**D2, ANGOLA** Look for Bernie, ZS4TX as D2TX until May 4. Activity mostly on 2 meter and 70cm EME and satellite RS-44.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Warren KN6ZZI and Harald DF2WO will be operating "Holiday Style" from Ponta Achada, Paraia Baixo, Cape Verde during the month of May. After striking up a friendship

based on a mutual interest in Africa, Harald (an Africa DX veteran), invited Warren (a newer, passionate Dxer/Contester), to join him in Cape Verde to "learn the ropes of working as an African DX station". Harald will use his faithful FT-991A and Warren his FTdx10. Harald will focus on CW and FT4 while Warren will operate SSB and FT8. We will also work QO-100 satellite as opportunities present. Antennas will include a BuddiHex for 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10, verticals for 160, 80, 60, 40, 30, and a home-brew 4 element 6 meter yagi. Antennas will be mounted rooftop at ~10m, close to the Atlantic on the South East coast of Santiago Island.

**FO, AUSTRAL ISL** Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ are active from Tubuai until May 7. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4 as TX9A. QSL via DK8ZZ.

<https://austral2025.com/>

**GD, ISLE OF MAN** Jim GM3JIM, Steve GM2TT and Billy GM6DX will be QRV as GD3JIM, GD2TT and GD6DX between May 2 and May 4. QSL via LoTW.

**GU, GUERNSEY** A team of 7 operators will be operating as GU6EFW between May 7 and May 14. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/>

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS until May 7. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as JD1/call until mid-June. Operation during his spare time using CW with some FT8. Take works at the weather station. QSL via JA8CJY.

**JD1, OGASAWARA** Mitsu, JE1HXZ is active as JD1BPG until May 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via QRZ.com.

**JW, SVALBARD** Arnold, DK1VK is once again active as JW/call until May 3. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

### On the scene...ID9/IQ9BF Vulcano Island –now QRT



**P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Xu, BG5DON is active during his spare time as P29XZ until end May. Operation mainly in the weekends from 20 to 6 meter using FT8 with low power. QSL via home call.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Andre, PD1DRE will be QRV as PJ2/call between May 2 and May 18. Activity on 40, 20 and 10 meter using SSB and FT4/8. QSL via Eqsl.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Frank, PH2M will once again be active as PJ4M from Kralendijk during May. Dates to be announced approx. 4-6 weeks ahead of activity. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**TR, GABON** Roland, F8EN stays QRV until mid-June as TR8CR. Operation CW only. QSL via

F6AJA.

**V5, NAMIBIA** Remo, HB9SHD is operating for a few weeks as V51/call. Operation in 'holiday-style' using an FT-891, tuner and antennas are end-fed plus a JPC-12 vertical.

**ZP, PARAGUAY** Tom, DK4TC is operating as ZP8/call from Santa Rosa Misiones during May.

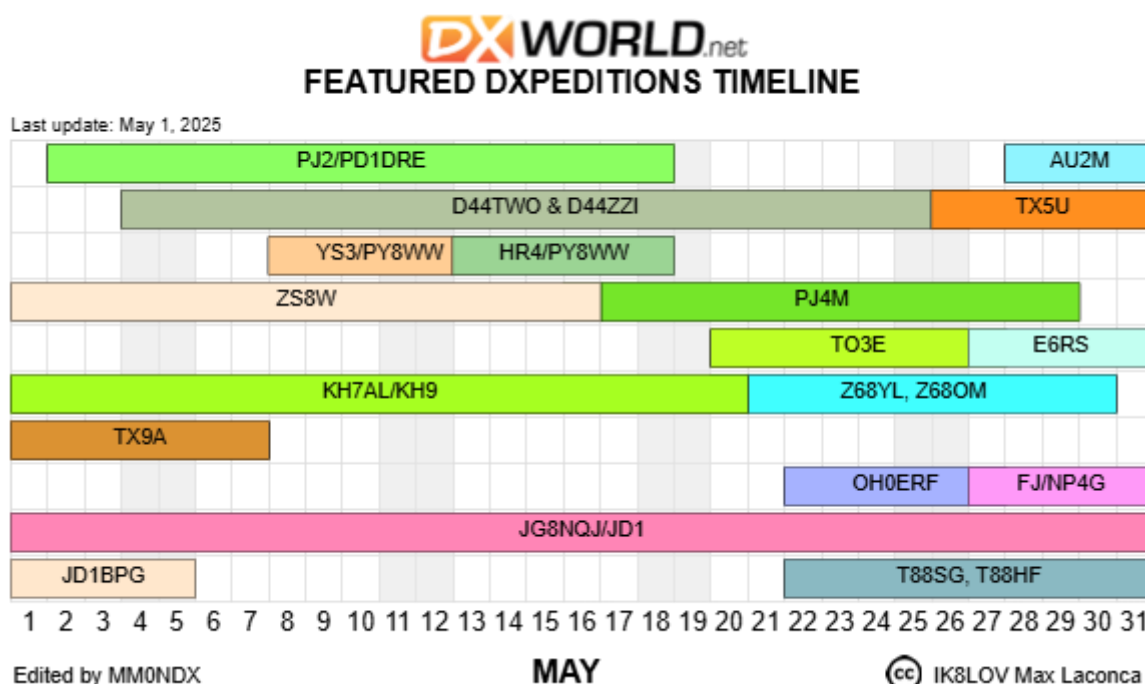
**ZS8, MARION ISL** Yuris, YL2GM is operating as ZS8W until May 16. Yuris is on the Marion island as radio engineer and member of **SANAP** station communication equipment maintenance team and stay there for the above mentioned period of time, when this year's annual supply replenishment and exchange of overwintering personnel of the SANAP station is taking place.

**NCDXF** is the general supporter of this event. **Past DXpeditions** by Yuris/YL2GM.

## Coming up soon

**HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN** Celebrating 50 years in amateur radio this year, Kasimir DL2SBY informs DX-World that he will be active from Liechtenstein as HB0/DL2SBY during May 11-18. QRV on HF bands with a focus on 6m (using a 5el yagi). QSL via LoTW / homecall (direct).

## DXCC timeline



## IOTA

### This week on air

#### ASIA

**AS-015 Aman Isl** Look for a team as 9M4PA during May 2-4. Activity on HF. QSL via LoTW. QSL via 9M2HUS direct or LoTW.

**AS-037 Kami Koshiki Isl** Kenji, JA4GXS will be operating as call/6 during May 3-4. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call.

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JS6RRR is QRV until June 18. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, CW and FT8. QSL info on QRZ.com.

**AS-084 Chuja Isl** Look for DS4NYE/4, 6K2GRX/4 and 6K2CFI/4 during May 1-5. Operation on HF with their homecalls and D84C when RTTY. QSL via OQRS and homecalls.

**AS-090 Seungbong-do** Ji, DS1RUW/2 will be active during May 3-5 on HF. QSL via OQRS. *'Found a good, affordable QTH with saltwater facing EU/NA. Since I don't expect to be able to work JA on 6m because of the hill located southeast, I will stick to HF rather than 6m.'*

#### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-085 St George Isl** Bruce, K5TEN is operating as K4D until May 4 from grid EL79. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. Bruce notes that while St. George Island is not terribly rare, many Stateside and DX / IOTA hunters still need the



island – there is also St. George Island State Park for POTA chasers.

**NA-131 King William Isl** Mark, VO1ONE is active as VY0SAT until May 3. Operation on satellite and from 20 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or via N8TLV.

**NA-190 Isla Zacatillo** Renato PY8WW will be active as YS3PY together with PY7RP, PY7XC and PY1WK. Operation between May 7 and May 17 from 80 to 6 meter. Renato mentions: "as they activate this rare island, combining the thrill of amateur radio with exploration"

## Coming up soon

### NORTH AMERICA

**NA-060 Tigre Isl** Renato, PY8WW will be operating as HR4/call during May 13-18. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS.

**NA-190 Isla Zacatillo** Renato, PY8WW will be QRV as YS3/call between May 8 and May 15. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announced DX

#### THE NEWCOMERS

**FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA** Didier, F6BCW will be active as TX5U from Tikehau between May 26 and June 8. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via OQRS, LoTW.

**KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA** Bob, K0NR will be active as KH8/call sometime soon, more to follow.

#### THE REMINDERS

**T30, W KIRIBATI**

**T31, C KIRIBATI**

**T32, E KIRIBATI**

**T33, BANABA**

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Sometime 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. May 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. September 2025.

Operation mainly FT4 but all bands and modes will be used. QSL via LoTW.

**3A, MONACO** Col, MM0NDX and Steve, MM0SAJ will again be active from Monaco at the end of December '25 / beginning of January '26 as 3A/MM0NDX & 3A/MM0SAJ. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** Kazu M0CFW will again be active as 3B9KW during the CQWW SSB (October 25-26) and CQWW CW contest (November 29-30). Before and after he will be active as 3B9/call between October 21-29 and again between November 23 and December 1. QSL via LoTW.

**3C, EQUATORIAL GUINEA** A large team will be active as 3C2MD (Mediterraneo DX Club)

between October 30 and November 10. A team with 14 operators will be active from Bioko Island from 160 to 6 meter using all modes, EME and QO-100. QSL via IK2VUC. *'Although Equatorial Guinea is ranked #127 on Club Log's Most wanted list, it is still a very demanded Entity for so called "human modes": #66 for CW and #43 (!) for SSB. We are sure that we will have chance to give "human operators" a lot of fun, including our beloved RTTY, so we decided to stay more days than usual (13 instead of 11).'*

**5R, MADAGASCAR** The Italian Dxpedition Team led by Silvano, I2YSB announce a new activity from Madagascar (Nosy Be, IOTA AF-057) during October 29 and November 16. Team of eight operators covering four stations. QRV as 5R8TT and 5R8XX. QSL via I2YSB. Full details to follow..

**C8, MOZAMBIQUE** The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during January/February 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

**E5, COOK ISL** Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to follow.

**E6, NIUE** Bob, ZL1RS (YJ0RS, E51EME) will be operating as E6RS from Makefu during May 20 and June 2. Focus will be on 6 meter and perhaps 10 meter is 6 is dead. QSL via LoTW and home call. <https://www.qrz.com/db/E6RS>



**E6, NIUE** Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP during August 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

**FJ, ST BARTHELEMY** Otis, NP4G will be QRV as FJ/call between May 27 and June 2 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Darrel, AB2E will be operating as TO3E during May 20-27. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low bands using CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct.

**FP, SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON** The F6KOP team will be active as FP5KE from FP sometime 2025. A team with 16 operators and 7 stations will be active from 160 to 6 meter using all modes. More to follow.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Look once again for FS/K9EL between June 4 and June 18. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on 6 meter when its open and limited operation on other bands. Daily Club Log uploads and LoTW uploads are planned. QSL via home call.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** The DX Obsessed Group with K6VHF, KA6IBM, 7HAN, NG7E, NJ7I and NC7M will be operating as FW5K between October 20 and November 7. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Operation before and after the contest from 160 to 6 meter using RTTY, FT4/8 and SSB with 3 stations.



**H40, TEMOTU** Look for Lance W7GJ as H40GJ between August 8 and August 27 from Pigeon Island. This is Lance's 20<sup>th</sup> 6 meter EME Dxpedition. Full info

<https://www.bigskyspaces.com/w7gj/H40%202025.htm>

**HK0, MALPELO** Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

**J3, GRENADA** Look for Jamie M0SDV as J38W between November 23 and December 2. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included on all bands high power. Focus before the contest on WARC bands, and SSB for other bands. See <https://www.m0sdv.com/>

**J3, GRENADA** Eric GM5RDX and Graham 2M0IJU will be operating as J38DX and J38LD during July 5-13. QRV on SSB with some FT8. QTH near a sea cliff on the south of the island.

**JW, SVALBARD** Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**JW, SVALBARD** Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL during October 8-13. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

### QSL preview



**JW, SVALBARD** Vlad, OK2WX will be operating as JW0V between July 14 and July 23. QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via IK8KHC. <https://www.mdxc.support/jw0v/>

**JW, SVALBARD** Nick, F5FRM mentions: *JW0B will be a "Training and Breakfast" Mini-DXpedition from Longyearbyen, Svalbard, from September 24th to 28th 2025. Focus on high bands in CW and RTTY with some 6m if conditions allow. Some SSB depending on previous activities. Free LoTW during the activity.* <https://www.qrz.com/db/JW0B>

**OH0, ALAND ISL** A team with DG0OCG, DL1STL, DL1TAM, DL5ARI, DL5AXI and DO6KD will be operating as OH0ERF between May 22 and May 27. Activity from 40 to 2 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via DL1TAM.

**OY, FAROE ISL** The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

**PJ2, CURACAO** The Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure will be operating as PJ2Y during July 17-22. The Caribbean Contesting Consortium (PJ2T) super contest station is hosting this event for the fourth time and housing has been reserved. More to follow.

**PJ5, SINT EUSTATIUS** Peter PA4O and Ad PA8AD will be operating as PJ5C between November 23 and December 1. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included, outside the contest from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW and some FT4/8. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

**PJ6, SABA** Co-leaders Gregg W6IZT, Dean W2FQ, and Jeff NM1Y, in collaboration with Youth on



the Air (YOTA), are thrilled to announce our upcoming DXpedition to Saba! Operation from October 17 until October 29 from 80 to 6 meter and satellite with an entry in the CQWW SSB contest. <https://pj6y2025.com/>

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Chris, N0UK will be QRV as PJ7UK ( Grid: FK88lb) from November 27 until December 7. An entry in the CQWW CW contest is included. Operation on HF and 6 meter. QSL via home call.

**PY0S, ST PETER & ST PAUL** The Araucaria DX Group will be active sometime October-November 2025. Plans are to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. There will be six local operators: Adrian, KO8SCA, Fred PY2XB, George, AA7JV, Mike KN4EEI, Peter, PY5CC, Tomi, HA7RY, as well as a number of remote operators. The RIB equipment, which makes this operation possible, was developed with the support of the Northern California DX Foundation. <https://py0s2025.com/>

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Vaclav, OK6RA will be active as S79/call during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 29-30). QSL via home call direct, OQRS.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Celebrating 50 years in amateur radio this year, Kasimir DL2SBY informs DX-World that he will again be active from the Seychelles as S79/DL2SBY during September 28 to October 12, 2025. QRV on HF bands with a focus on 6m (using a 5el yagi). QSL via LoTW / or homecall (direct).



**T8, PALAU** Hiro, JH6GFY will once again be QRV as T88GF between August 18-22. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Yutaka JH1MLO and Chusuke JR1FKR will once again be active as T88HR and T88TJ during June 6-11. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call and LoTW.

**T8, PALAU** Tetsu JF1GHX and Yoshi JK1SZX will be operating between May 22 and June 1. Operation on various bands and modes. QSL via operators instructions.

**T8, PALAU** Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active T88PB between June 19 and June 23. An entry in the All Asian DX CW Contest. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**TI9, COCOS ISL** Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).

**V6, MICRONESIA** A team with DG2RON, DJ7TO, DJ9KH, DK5WL, DL1KWK, DL2RNS, DL4SVA, DL7JOM, DL7VEE will conduct a DXpedition between September 22 and October 6. The plan is to operate with 5 stations 24/7 from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and RTTY. 60m is not allowed. More to follow.

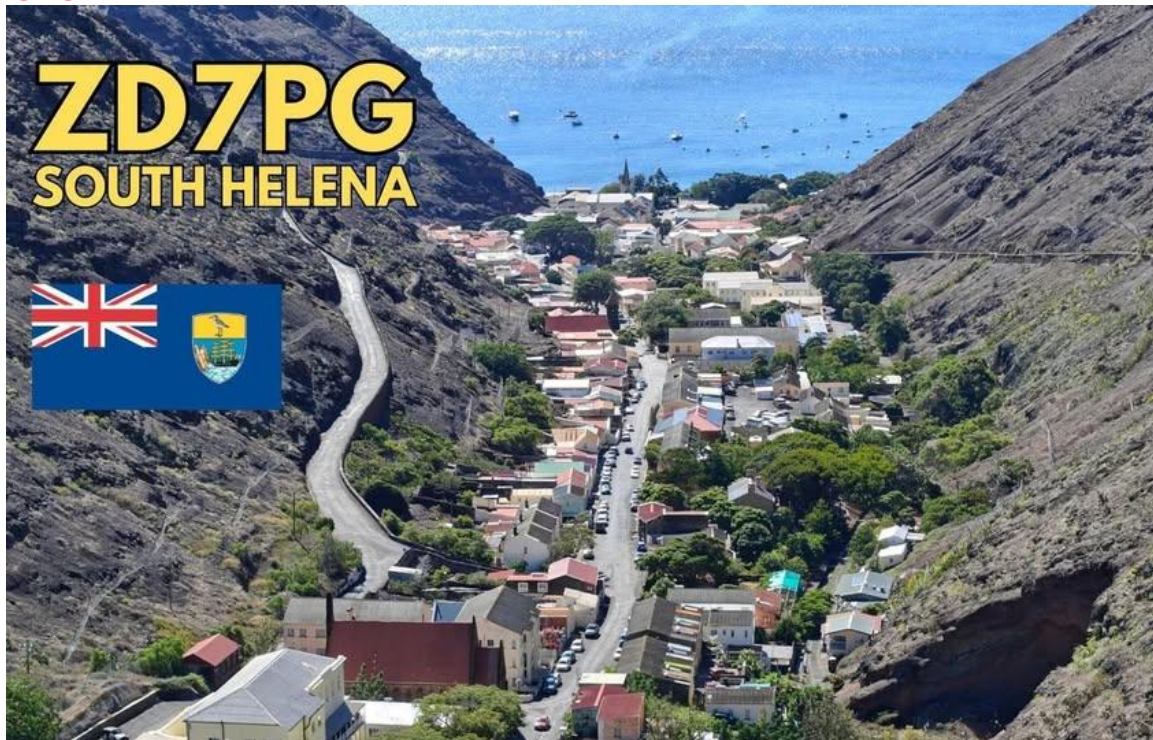
**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** The World DXpedition team will be operating between October 19 and November 2, 2026 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 10 operators K1NZ, Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavelly; KD0IVB, Emily Snavelly; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge will be QRV with 5 stations 24/7. *'Needless to say, the support of corporate and private*

sponsors are essential to make this DXpedition a success. The Team priority will be to make as many QSOs as possible and offer the highest exposure as possible for sponsors. Corporate or Club sponsors (donating \$1,000 or more in cash or equipment) will be recognized on our QSL cards and website. All Private Sponsors and Patrons will be listed on our website.' [Andaman - World DXpeditions](#)

**YJ, VANUATU** Bob, ZL1RS (last year as E51EME) will be active from Efate, Vanuatu as YJ0RS between June 11 and June 28. Focus on 6m and possibly 10m (if 6 is "dead"). QSL via LoTW and paper QSL cards will also be available via ZL1RS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YJ0RS>

**Z6, KOSOVO** Anne OH2YL and Marko OH2LGW will be operating as Z68YL and Z68OM between May 20 and May 30. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. They will use 2 x FTDX10 and Elecraft K3 transceivers plus 2 x SPE Expert 1.3K-FA amplifiers. Antennas will be an EFHW-8010-1K, and a vertical covering 30-10m with a dipole for 60m and Inv L for 160M. QSL both calls via OH2YL.

### QSL preview



**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM will once again be active as ZC4MK during July. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or home call.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the pipeline for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info. It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8. Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** A QSP from the Rebel DX Group ZK3ZK: on target for around mid-June. 'We will be doing some delivery on one of our vessels for Tokelau. For now Tokelau borders remain closed due to several local issues. More info soon.'

## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **ASIA**

**AS-114 Ustrichnyy Isl** Russian Robinson Club team members – Eugene RZ3EC (leader), Igor UA3EDQ, Gennady R3BY, Max RU5D, Serge RU3EG, Andy R5EM, Serge RW3XA will be active from Ustrichnyy (Oyster) island, AS-114 (Chikhacheva Bay Islands) as RI0CR during July 15-20. Grid: QO01kk. QSL via RZ3EC. More info here.





**AS-169 Arnala Isl** Look for AU2M during May 28-31. The team with Sarath (VU2RS), Adersh (VU3WEW), Girish (VU3GDS), Anil (VU3DXA), Renju Gopi (VU3TPW), Jatin Shah (VU2KWT), and Huzefa Merchant (VU2HIT) is seeking help for essential equipment, see <https://www.dx-world.net/au2m-arnala-island-as-169/>

## **EUROPE**

**EU-045 Ventotene Isl** Antonio, IK8VRH and Antonio, IW8BVN will be active Ventotene Island, EU-045 during May 30 to June 2. QRV using CW & FT8 on 160-10m as IB0DX. They will run as IR0DX only on 6m. QSL via IK8VRH.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-066 San Clemente Isl** Will, WC6DX will be QRV during May 23-26. 'I arrive on 22 May but cannot check into the base hotel until 1600 local time (2300 UTC). Since daylight is longer this time of year, I hope to erect the antenna and be QRV my local evening (early UTC hours of 23 May). My check out time is 1100 local time (1800 UTC) on 27 May. This gives me four full days on the island, plus a few short hours on the arrival and departure days. Same configuration as my expedition to San Nicolas Island last November: Buddihex antenna, Yaesu FT-897 radio, 100 watts. Mainly SSB, some CW, no FT8. QRV 6m-20m, call sign simply WC6DX, no /p, no /6.'

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-066 Atoll de Tikeau** Didier, F6BCW will be on a solo DXpedition between May 26 and June 8. Focus on traffic with Europe from 40 to 6 meter using CW and SSB. Loc BH54UV. QSL via F6EXV, Club Log and LoTW.

## **THE REMINDERS**

### **ASIA**

**AS-169 Arnala Isl** The DX India Foundation will be active as AU2M during May 29-June 1. This is a rare opportunity for IOTA enthusiasts around the world to log this highly sought-after entity, currently the most wanted IOTA in India! The team consists of Sarath, VU2RS, Aderesh, VU3WEW, Anil, VU3DXA, Renju, VU3TPW, Girish, VU3GDS, Huzefa Merchant, VU2HIT (Local Support) Jatin Shah, VU2KWJ (Local Support). More to follow.

## **EUROPE**

**EU-007 Great Blasket** A team with EI0CZ, EI9FBB, EI9FVB, ON4TV, ON8JW and OP8L will be active as EJ1K during September 26-28. QRV on HF. [EJ1K - Callsign Lookup by QRZ Ham Radio](#)

**EU-012 Shetland** Four operators G4AFF, G0DWW, M0NKR and G4LPP from Norfolk Amateur Radio Club will be travelling to Shetland and will be active from July 23 – 28. An entry in the IOTA

contest is included. Operation from 80 to 10 meter with a station on 6m & 4m – CW/SSB and Digital modes.

**EU-064 Ile de Nourmoutier** Look for Nicolas F4HCG as call/P between July 5 and July 18. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB from locator IN87UA63.

**EU-118 Flannan Isl** Nobby, G0VJG reports that a return to the Flannan Islands with team is in the pipeline. He mentions they hope to be QRV from this very rare IOTA (EU-118) in the near future, as MM0UKI.

**EU-187 Gavdos Isl** A team with SV1JG, SV1ENG, SV1GE, SV1DPJ, SV1YU, DD2CW, HB9EBC, ON3UN, VK2IR and G0PZA will be active as SX9G during July 24-29 with participation in the IOTA contest (July 26-27). QSL via SV1JG.

## **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-067 Bora Bora** Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF and 6 meter using high power.

**OC-235 Camiguin Isl** Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA Dxpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

## **On the scene...TX9A Austral Islands**



## **Lighthouses**

**Berck-sur-Mer** From August 14th to 19th of this year, the TM0BSM team will be heading to Berck-sur-Mer (France) for the 10th time for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend 2025 (ILLW). QSL via LoTW.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**BY, CHINA** The following special event stations will be active between May 3 and 5: **B0CRA, B1CRA, B2CRA, B3CRA, B4CRA, B5CRA, B6CRA, B7CRA, B8CRA, and B9CRA**. For more



information, including an award, see: <http://www.crac.org.cn/55> . (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** Special callsign **DMOLIMES** will be active between 1 May and 1 July for this year's German World Heritage Day (1 June). QSL via the bureau and eQSL. Also active will be DM3LIMES (QSL via the bureau) on 31 May-1 June. The limes was the border line of the Roman Empire at its greatest extent. In 2005, the remnants of the Upper German Raetian Limes were inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list as "Frontiers of the Roman Empire". (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** Celebrating IARU's centenary, Spanish amateurs are allowed to replace their normal prefix from 1 to 15 May as follows: **EA stations can use AO#100, EB stations can use AN#100, and EC stations can use AM#100, where "#" is the digit of their call area.** For example, EA6VQ will use AO6100VQ, EB3WH will use AN3100WH, and EC7R will use AM7100R. (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** Once again the Federacion Digital EA will operate special callsigns **AO1EU, AO2EU, AO3EU, AO4EU, AO5EU, AO6EU, AO7EU, AO8EU and AO9EU** on 2-11 May to celebrate Europe Day, the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration (9 May 1950) that paved the way to the European Union. QSL direct to EA3RKF: Federacion Digital EA, Apartado Postal 3050, 08200 Sabadell (Barcelona), Spain. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE** Celebrating the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe, special callsign **TM45END** will be active on 7-31 May. QSL via F5JYD. (TNX 425DX)

**GI, NORTHERN IRELAND** Once again the North West Group ARC (MN0NWG) is running special event station **GB0AEL** between 5 and 31 May to commemorate the anniversary of Amelia Earhart's transatlantic flight. QSL via MI0HOZ (direct or bureau). On 20-21 May 1932, Earhart became the first woman to fly nonstop and alone across the Atlantic, leaving Harbor Grace on Newfoundland (Canada), and landing 15 hours later near Londonderry (Northern Ireland). (TNX 425DX)

**SV, GREECE** **SX20TARG** is the special callsign for members of the Thessaloniki Amateur Radio Group to celebrate its 20th anniversary on 3-17 May. QSL only via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**UA, RUSSIA** A very large number of Russian stations using special prefix **RP80** will be QRV on 1-9 May to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. More information on <https://logradio.ru/> (TNX 425DX)

### Team HD8G Galapagos Islands



### THE REMINDERS

**9A, CROATIA** **9A2025HWC** marks the 29th edition of the IHF World Men's Handball Championship that is being held right now until 2 February . The special callsign, however, will be in use until 30 June. QSL via LoTW; QSOs are also uploaded to QRZ Logbook and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

**9V, SINGAPORE** To mark the 60th anniversary of Singapore's independence, all members of the

Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) may substitute the prefix S60 for their usual **9V1** prefix between Jan. 1 and Aug. 9. Special events during that period are planned for introducing more young people to amateur radio, for example through cooperations with the Singapore Scout Association and the Singapore School of Science and Technology. (TNX DXNL)  
**A9, BAHRAIN** Members of the Bahrain Radio Club celebrate IARU's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **A9100IARU** on the first 5 days of each month in 2025. For more information see: <https://www.itu.int/hub/2024/04/world-amateur-radio-day-iaru-celebrates-a-century-of-connections/>. QSL via EC6DX. (TNX DXNL)

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cabo Verde (5 July 1975), the Monteverde Contest Team (D4C) and Paolo, D44PM will be active as **D450ICV** until 31 December. They will operate "across all bands and modes, primarily focusing on HF". QSL via Club Log's OQRS. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/D4C.STATION> for updates. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY DA0LH** (special DOK 25ILLW), associated with the lightship Laesoe Rende will be active throughout 2025. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), Club Log OQRS, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see qrz.com. (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE TM100I, TM100A, TM100R and TM100U** are the special callsigns for the Radio Club Pierre Coulon (F5KMB) to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union between 12 April and 13 July. QSL via eQSL only; paper cards will not be provided. (TNX 425DX)

**F, FRANCE TM100REF** The year 2025 will mark the centenary of the Réseau des Émetteurs Français (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). In commemoration of this significant event, the REF, a member of the IARU, is organizing a radio challenge for all licensed amateur radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) worldwide.

For more information go to the website at <https://web.r-e-f.org/tm100ref/> or on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM100REF>.

**On the scene...MM0UKI –Now QRT**





**F, FRANCE** In France, from May 27 to June 10, Gaby F5PSI, also the members of the "Lillers radio club F4KIS", and many others OM and YL stations from Pas de Calais department (dpt 62), will be on the air with the special call **TM41GM** (GM for "Grève des Mineurs"), in tribute to the « Patriotic Strike of the 100,000 miners of Nord de Calais in 1941 » (la « Grève Patriotique des 100.000 mineurs du Nord Pas de Calais en 1941 ») during the occupation of the German army, from May 27 to June 10 1941. More historical information on QRZ.com about this important workers' strike, the first major collective act of resistance in France during World War II. For the QSL, visit the dedicated page on QRZ.com and follow instructions.

**FR, REUNION ISL** 2025 will mark the centenary of the Réseau des Émetteurs Français (REF) and the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). For this anniversary, Phil FR8UA and Ann FR8TZ will be active as **TO974REF** from Reunion during the following dates in May:

- 01/05 to 04/05
- 08/05 to 11/05
- 17/05 to 19/05
- 29/05 to 01/06

QRV on 40-20-15-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. For QSL info see [here](#).

**GU, GUERNSEY** The Guernsey Amateur Radio Society will operate special event station **GU80LIB** on 9-11 May to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Channel Islands at the end of World War II. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, direct, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND** **HB20SOTA** is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: **II4JGGR** (May), **II4RXOS** (June), **II4COHR** (July), **II4LDMA** (August), **II4RADS** (September), **II4WLTX** (October), **II4EACC** (November) and **II4TJTB** (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

### QSL preview



**ISO, SARDINIA** **IROAPTT** is the special callsign celebrating the 50th anniversary of ARI Porto Torres (IQ0AK), Sardinia. Look for activity on all bands and modes between 12 February and 12 May. QSL via the bureau or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**JA, JAPAN** JARL is operating special event station **8K3EXPO** from the premises of the 2025 Expo in Osaka, from 13 April to 13 October. (TNX 425DX)

**LA, NORWAY** **LA100A** is the special callsign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LX, LUXEMBOURG** **LX100IARU** is the special callsign for the Radioamateurs du Luxembourg (RL), a founding member of IARU, to celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union until 31 July. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Special event station **LZ75IPA** will be active throughout 2025 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Police Association. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to LZ3HI. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ286MDK** (May and June), **LZ591MK** (July and August), **LZ117ME** (September and October) and **LZ306WW** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OH, FINLAND** **OF60AP** is the special callsign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see [https://oh2ap.fi/?page\\_id=491](https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491). (TNX 425DX)

**OK, CZECH REP** **OL100IARU**, **OL100I**, **OL100A**, **OL100R** and **OL100U** are the special call signs for the Czech Radio Club to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union from 15 April to 31 December. A certificate will be available. (TNX 425DX)

**OM, SLOVAKIA** **OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.qrz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)



**ON, BELGIUM** Celebrating the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU), the local divisions of the Belgian IARU society (UBA) will activate 28 special event stations between 15 March and 15 May: **ON100I**, **ON100A**, **ON100R**, **ON100U** **OO100I**, **OO100A**, **OO100R**, **OO100U** **OP100I**, **OP100A**, **OP100R**, **OP100U** **OQ100I**, **OQ100A**, **OQ100R**, **OQ100U** **OR100I**, **OR100A**, **OR100R**, **OR100U** **OS100I**, **OS100A**, **OS100R**, **OS100U** **OT100I**, **OT100A**, **OT100R**, **OT100U** In addition, members of the UBA Board and HF Committee will be active as **OQ0IARU** and **OR0IARU**. A series of certificates will be available, see <https://www.uba.be/en/news/uba-iaru-100-event> for the details and the OQRS for bureau cards (TBA soon) (TNX 425DX)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** The Dutch Marine Radio Amateur Club (MARAC) celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, the Dutch Administration has given permission to the MARAC to use the special call **PA40MARAC** in 2025.

Of course, this call will be used on 7 and 8 June during the Museum Ship Weekend from the former minesweeper Abraham Crijnssen, which is moored in the Navy Museum in Den Helder, Netherlands.

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS** Celebrating the 80th anniversary since the end of the German occupation of the Netherlands during World War II, Peter, PD1RP is QRV as **PD80FREE** until 30 June. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)



**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PC80TT** is the special callsign for members of VERON Leiden (PI4LDN) to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands during World War II (5 May 1945). Look for activity between 1 January and 1 June. QSL via the bureau to PI4LDN. The special call-sign honours the memory of Rudolf Tappenbeck (PCTT), a pioneer of Dutch amateur radio who died in Neuengamme concentration camp on 21 December 1944. (TNX 425DX)

**S5, SLOVENIA S5100IARU** is the special callsign for members of the Zveza Radio amaterjev Slovenije (Association of Radio Amateurs of Slovenia) to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the IARU until 31 December. QSL via LoTW, or via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

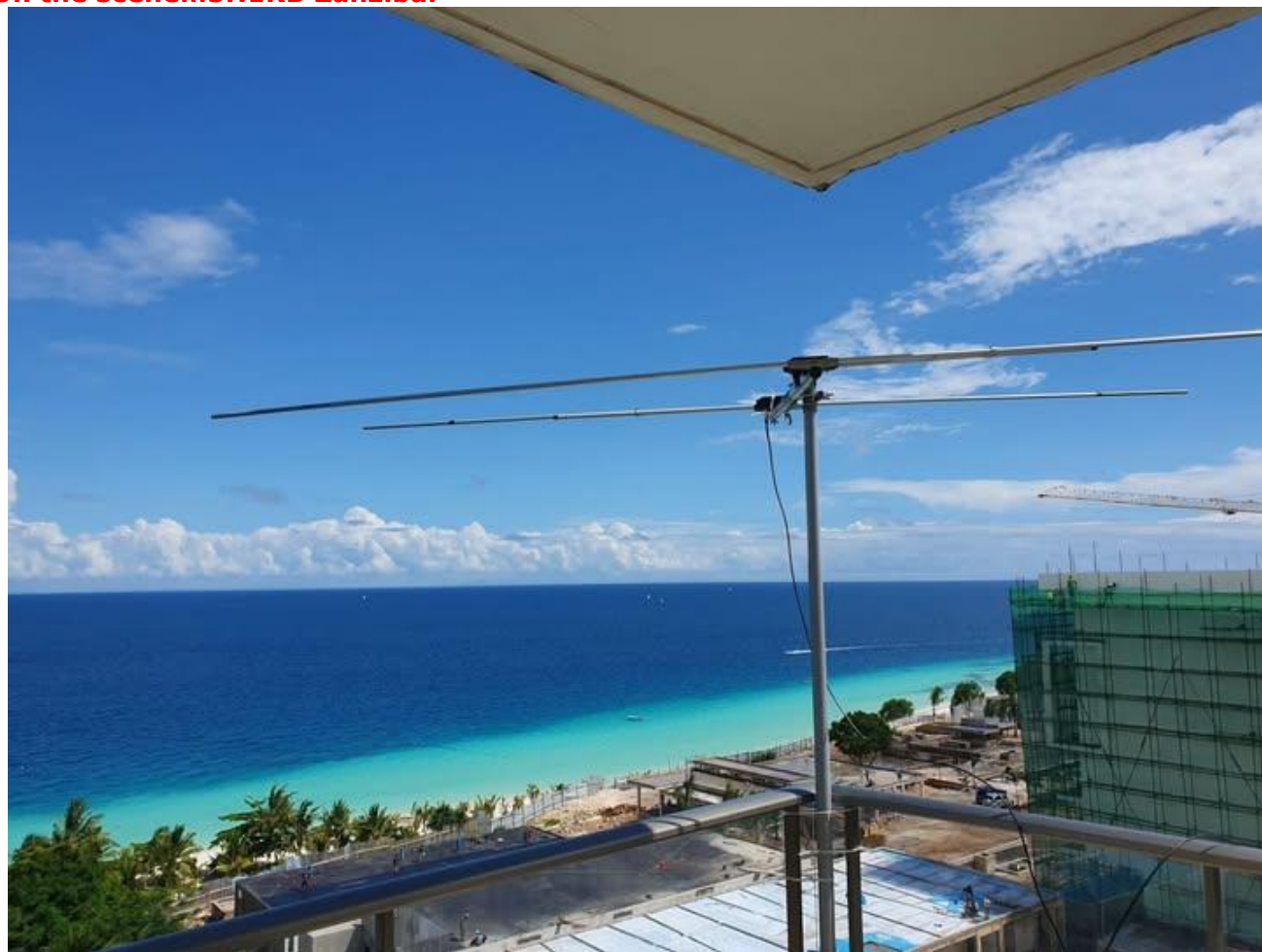
**VK, AUSTRALIA VI100SIG**, the special callsign celebrating the centenary of the Australian Corps of Signals during 2025. QSL via M00XO's OQRS. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/VI100SIG> for more information.

**VU, INDIA** The Amateur Radio Society of India (VU2ZH) will celebrate the centenary of the International Amateur Radio Union by activating special callsign **VU1IARU** from 1 April to 29 June. ARSI has been a member society of IARU Region 3 since 1958. QSL via VU2ZH. (TNX 425DX)

**Z3, MACEDONIA** Celebrating IARU's centenary, members of the Radioamateur Society of Macedonia (Z37RSM) will be active as **Z3100IARU** from 25 March to 18 May. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, QRZ Logbook. (TNX 425DX)

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns **ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**On the scene...5H1KB Zanzibar**



## SWODXA DX Dinner

We now know who the DX Dinner Keynote speaker is... Hal Turley, W8HC. Here is a bit about Hal: In 2012, Hal was visiting "Ham Radio" in Friedrichshafen, Germany where he met Joe Pater, W8GEX who was team co-leader for the NH8S Swains Island DXpedition. Joe asked him if he had any interest in participating on a major DXpedition. This led to Hal's first DXpedition – Swains Island NH8S later that year. Since then, he has participated on a dozen or more DXpeditions including: VK9WA; K9W; K5P; 3Y0Z (aborted); VP6R; K7K; JW0A; KL7RRC; 9G4X; CB0ZA. He also was part of the C6AGU team with George, AA7JV and the NCDXF's Radio in a Box (RIB) project and was one of the remote operators for the recent VP6A; E51D and N5J DXpeditions by George es Crew in the Pacific. Over the years, Hal has served as president of his local Kanawha ARC and West Virginia DX Association. He was the ARRL Section Manager for West Virginia from 2002-2006 and has been active as both a DXCC Card Checker and Incoming QSL Bureau Manager for 20 years..... Hal has been an INDEXA Board member and is currently the organization's treasurer. This is just a start. The dinner, held in conjunction with the 2025 Dayton Hamvention®, will be held on Friday, May 16th, 2025, at The Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409. There will be a cash bar starting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00. Following the event, there will be a separate room and cash bar available for more fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity to meet new hams and to renew old acquaintances as well as to learn about past DXpeditions and those in the planning stages. Tickets are going fast, so don't wait too long. Go now to <https://swodxaevents.org/dinner-tickets/> to secure a seat.